

Minutes: Leesburg Tree Commission February 27, 2006

The Leesburg Tree Commission met on Monday, February 27, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff present for the meeting was Jay Banks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Hower
Vice Chair Pritchard
Commissioner Dewar
Commissioner Griffith
Commissioner Groothuis
Commissioner Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (as amended)

Motion: Pritchard
Second: Dewar
Carried: 6-0-1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Griffith
Second: Groothuis
Carried: 6-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Julie Overman: None

Mr. Bill Whyte with Exeter would like to get help with the re-planting of trees in the neighborhood due to tornado damage several years ago. Does The Town have an inventory of public trees and the common area trees? Maybe could start an Arbor Day Tree Planting in Exeter.

Jay discussed that the Town is only responsible for Public Trees in the Right- Of -Way. There is a maintenance agreement with Exeter for them to maintain trees along Battlefield Parkway.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Arbor Day/Flower & Garden Festival – The tree commission has called Parks and Recreation to try and get the same space as last year. Parks and Recreation is working on getting the space for the tree commission now. A flag cannot be put up during festival. Leesburg Today Ad – When Leesburg Today was asked about what they could provide the tree commission (without discussion of fees) it sounded like one page. Leesburg Today said if the tree commission wanted a second page it would cost of approximately \$1,440.00.

Discussion on what should be on the 2 pages. Jay Banks mentioned some history of Arbor Day. Maybe some Plant-A-Tree for Me information could be put in.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

Jay Banks asked if any Tree Commissioners had signed up for the meeting in Arlington on March 3rd? He asked if the Commission would allow the ISA brochures to be restocked for the Flower & Garden Show? He ordered the seedlings for the Festival (Norway Spruce and Cherry Bark Oak)

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dewar – Did the Tree Commission ever have any input on The Crescent District Plan? As of now it is only a draft plan. Maybe the tree commission should attend the next council work session

Commissioner Pritchard – Thanks to staff and commission members for work on the UFMP.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Griffith
Second: Pritchard
Carried: 6-0-1

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Jay S. Banks, Urban Forester